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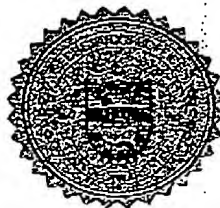
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.", A NEVADA CORPORATION,
WITH AND INTO "HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF
"HILL-ROM MANUFACTURING, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND
EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED
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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OF
TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.
(a Nevada corporation)

INTO

HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.
(a Delaware corporation)

In accordance with the requirements of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "Act"), the undersigned corporation desiring to effect a merger, sets forth the following facts:

ARTICLE I
SURVIVING CORPORATION

SECTION 1: The name of the corporation surviving the merger is hereby changed to "Hill-Rom Manufacturing, Inc." pursuant to Article III hereof. (The surviving corporation is currently known as "Hill-Rom Air-Shields, Inc.")

SECTION 2: The surviving corporation is a Delaware corporation existing and operating under the provisions of the Act, and was incorporated on February 17, 1938. The surviving corporation has 150,000 shares of capital stock, common stock with \$1.00 par value per share, authorized, all of which are issued and outstanding.

ARTICLE II
MERGING CORPORATION

SECTION 1: The name of the merging corporation is "TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC." and such corporation shall cease to exist as a result of the merger.

SECTION 2: The merging corporation is a corporation existing and operating under the provisions of the Nevada Business Corporation Act, and was incorporated on August 25, 1978. The merging corporation has 10,000 shares of capital stock, common stock with \$1.00 par value per share, authorized, all of which are issued and outstanding.

ARTICLE III
NAME CHANGE

SECTION 1: The surviving corporation's Board of Directors has adopted a resolution proposing that the surviving corporation's Certificate of Incorporation be amended to change the corporate name as follows:

FIRST. Name. The name of the Corporation is Hill-Rom Manufacturing, Inc.

SECTION 2: That in lieu of a meeting and vote of stockholders, the sole stockholder has given written consent to said amendment in accordance with the provisions of Section 228 of the Act.

SECTION 3: That the aforesaid amendment is to be effective as of 12:01 A.M. on March 26, 2000.

ARTICLE IV PLAN OF MERGER

The Plan of Merger, containing the information required by the Act and consisting of an Agreement and Plan of Merger between the surviving corporation and the merging corporation, is set forth in "Exhibit A," attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Plan of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the surviving corporation and the merging corporation in accordance with Section 252 of the Act. A copy of the Plan of Merger is on file at an office of the surviving corporation, c/o Hillenbrand Industries, Inc., 700 State Road 46 East, Batesville, Indiana 47006-8835, Attn.: General Counsel, and a copy of the Plan of Merger will be provided upon written request.

ARTICLE V MANNER OF ADOPTION AND VOTE - MERGER

SECTION 1: Adoption by the Surviving Corporation:

The Plan of Merger was approved by the sole shareholder of the surviving corporation by written consent. The votes cast in favor of the transaction were sufficient to approve the transaction pursuant to the Act. (See the Secretary's Certificate which is attached to the Plan of Merger.)

SECTION 2: Adoption by the Merging Corporation:

The Plan of Merger was approved by the sole shareholder of the merging corporation by written consent.

ARTICLE VI EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Certificate of Merger shall be March 26, 2000, effective as of 12:01 A.M.

The undersigned, being the President of the surviving corporation, executes this Certificate of Merger as of this 23rd day of March, 2000.

HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.

By: Robert J. Tennison
Robert J. Tennison, President

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Exhibit A**AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER OF**

HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.
(a Delaware corporation)

AND

TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.
(a Nevada corporation)

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective as of the 26th day of March, 2000, by and between **HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Corporation"), and **TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.**, a Nevada corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Merging Corporation").

WHEREAS, the following facts are true:

- A. The Merging Corporation is a corporation duly organized and existing under the Nevada Business Corporation Act (the "Nevada Act").
- B. The Surviving Corporation is a corporation duly organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of Delaware (the "Delaware Act").
- C. The Surviving Corporation and the Merging Corporation each have only one class of capital stock authorized, their common stock.
- D. All of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation are owned by Hill-Rom Company, Inc.
- E. All of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the Merging Corporation are owned by Hill-Rom Company, Inc.
- F. The Merging Corporation is to be merged with and into the Surviving Corporation in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Surviving Corporation and the Merging Corporation do hereby agree to make such merger upon the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I
Definitions

Section 1. Time and Place of Closing. The closing of this Agreement and all deliveries hereunder shall take place at the offices of the Surviving Corporation on or about March 22, 2000 ("Closing").

Section 2. Effective Date of Merger. The effective date of the merger, as that phrase is used in this Agreement, shall mean 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2000 ("Effective Date").

ARTICLE II

Consummation of Merger

Section 1. Closing. At the Closing, the proper officers of the Surviving Corporation and the Merging Corporation shall execute on behalf of each corporation Articles of Merger as required by the Nevada Act and a Certificate of Merger as required by the Delaware Act. Promptly after the Closing, the Surviving Corporation shall cause to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware the Certificate of Merger and the Surviving Corporation shall cause to be filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada a copy of the Articles of Merger.

ARTICLE III

Conversion of Stock

Section 1. Common Stock. Upon the Effective Date, all of the shares of common stock of the Merging Corporation shall automatically, by operation of law, be canceled and deemed exchanged for fully paid, non-assessable shares of the common stock of the Surviving Corporation which are already outstanding.

Section 2. Evidence of Ownership. From and after the Effective Time, the existing certificate(s) representing all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation shall continue to be outstanding. From and after the Effective Date, all certificate(s) representing all of the previously outstanding shares of common stock of the Merging Corporation shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and shall be null and void.

ARTICLE IV

Effect of Merger Upon the Surviving and Merging Corporations

Section 1. Surviving Corporation Entity. Upon the Effective Date, the Merging Corporation shall merge into and become a part of the Surviving Corporation, which shall survive the merger and change its name to "Hill-Rom Manufacturing, Inc.", and the separate existence of the Merging Corporation shall thereupon cease.

Section 2. Attributes and Property of the Surviving Corporation. Upon and after the Effective Date, the Surviving Corporation shall possess all the rights, privileges, powers and franchises, whether of a public or private nature, of each of the parties hereto; and all property, real, personal and mixed, all debts due on whatever account and all other choses in action and all and every other interests of or belonging to or due to each of the parties hereto shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in the Surviving Corporation without further act or deed; and the title to any real estate, or any interest therein, shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of such merger.

Section 3. Liabilities of the Surviving Corporation. Upon and after the Effective Date, the Surviving Corporation shall be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of both of the parties hereto in the same manner and to the same extent as if the Surviving Corporation had itself incurred the same or contracted therefor; and any claim existing or action or proceeding by or against either of the parties hereto may be prosecuted to judgment as if such merger had not taken place or the Surviving Corporation may be substituted in its place. Neither the rights of creditors nor liens upon the property of either of the parties hereto shall be impaired by such merger; but any such lien shall be limited to the property upon which there were liens immediately prior to the time of such merger.

Section 4. By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation. The By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation as they exist on the Effective Date shall continue to be the By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation upon and after the Effective Date until changed or amended in accordance with the terms thereof.

Section 5. Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation as it exists on the Effective Date shall continue to be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation upon and after the Effective Date until changed or amended in accordance with the terms thereof.

Section 6. Board of Directors and Officers of the Surviving Corporation. All the members of the Board of Directors and all of the officers of the Surviving Corporation on the Effective Date shall be and continue as directors and officers, respectively, of the Surviving Corporation after such date, to hold office upon the same terms and the same conditions as theretofore existed between each of them, respectively, and the Surviving Corporation.

ARTICLE V

Miscellaneous

Section 1. Further Assurances. The parties hereto agree that they will cause to be executed any further and additional documents or instruments as may from time to time be reasonably required for the purpose of consummating or carrying out the merger as contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 2. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and each of its provisions shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that this Agreement cannot be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party. Nothing herein expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person, firm or corporation other than the parties hereto and their respective assigns any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by the duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

TRON BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Donald G. Barger, Jr.
Donald G. Barger, Jr., President

"Merging Corporation"

HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert J. Tennison
Robert J. Tennison, President

"Surviving Corporation"


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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Mark R. Lindenmeyer, Secretary of Hill-Rom Air-Shields, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, on behalf of the Corporation, that the sole shareholder of the Corporation, acting by unanimous written consent, has duly adopted and approved the Agreement and Plan of Merger, effective as of March 26, 2000, by and between the Corporation and Tron Business Systems, Inc. Such action was sufficient in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed as of the 23rd day of March, 2000.

HILL-ROM AIR-SHIELDS, INC.

By: 
Mark R. Lindenmeyer, Secretary

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